

## **EASY MOP**

### Related Patent Application

This patent application claims the benefit of Provisional Application, U.S. Serial No.60/269,564, filed February 16, 2001, entitled " EASY MOP " by Jianhua Fan.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a mop, more particularly to an easy twisting mop for saving man power and keeping user's hands dry.

#### 2. Description of the Prior Art

Most of the existing (mop) mops have no bow shaped portion or called extended arm of force on it, so that, users have directly to use hands to squeeze water out of the mop.

Some existing mop (apparatus has) apparatuses have been improved to keep hands dry while users twist it, but the mops have no bow shaped portion or called extended arm of force on it, so that users can not save their power, and water is not easy squeezed out of the mop.

It can be seen then that there is a need for a mop which easily squeezes water out of the mop, saves man power and keeps hands dry. The present invention provides a solution to solve the above and other related problems.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a mop, more particularly to an easy twisting mop to easily squeeze water out of the mop , yet save man power and keep hands dry.

The present invention discloses an easy mop which allows (user easy) a user easily to twist a wet mop, save man power and keep hands dry.

In one embodiment of the present invention, an easy mop includes a long handle, the long handle having three portions: an upper handle, a bow shaped portion and a lower handle; a mass of absorbent material, one end of the mass of absorbent material fixed on the lower end of the lower handle, the other end of the absorbent material fixed on a sleeve, the lower handle passes through into the sleeve, a twisting handle disposed on the sleeve, the sleeve can be moved along the lower handle. A combination of the bow shaped portion and the twisting handle makes man power saving possible, the twisting handle is adjustable, a bow holder may be disposed on the bow for easily turning around the bow while twisting the mop.

Still in one embodiment of the present invention, an easy mop (which bases on the first embodiment) includes a sleeve holder and a sleeve control, the sleeve holder and control disposed on the lower handle for easily twisting the mop. The sleeve control controls the sleeve moving distance and releases the sleeve from the sleeve holder while push the control button.

In another embodiment of the present invention, an easy mop includes a long handle, the long handle having three portions: an upper handle, a bow shaped portion, and a lower handle; a mass of absorbent material, a first holder, and a metal

bar, the metal bar includes: a main bar, an extension bar, a second holder, and an extension bar handle; the shape of first and second holders can be different, also the second holder can be disconnected from the main bar. Two holes: the first hole disposed on the long handle between the bow shaped portion and the lower handle, the second hole disposed on the center of the first holder, the main bar passes through the first hole and lower handle, then the second hole. (Each of the absorbent material turned around) The absorbent materials pass through the second holder, two end of the each absorbent material then fixed on the first holder. While the mop is in use position, the metal bar is pulled up and held by a metal bar holder, while the mop is in twist position, the metal bar is pulled down.

Further, in one embodiment, the mop having a big sleeve, the big sleeve having a side wall, a top wall, a center hole, and a multiple wing like piece; the center hole disposed on the top wall for lower handle passes through the big sleeve, the multiple wing like piece disposed on inside surface of the side wall of the big sleeve, when the big sleeve is pulled down and turned around, the water in the absorbent material being twisted out by the multiple wing piece; a twisting handle disposed on the big sleeve for saving man power, the twisting handle is adjustable.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The present invention relates to a mop, more particularly to an easy twisting mop for saving man power and keeping hands dry while a user twists it.

The present invention discloses an easy twisting mop which allows a user to save man power and keep hands dry, meanwhile, water is easily squeezed out of the mop. Further, the present invention discloses a mop having a bow or an extension handle on the long handle, and a sleeve with a twisting handle or a metal bar, the twisting handle may be adjustable. The combination of a bow or extension handle and the twisting handle or metal bar makes twisting very easy.

The present invention also discloses that the mop may (includes) include a sleeve control and a sleeve holder for easily twisting the mop, and the mop may include a bow holder for easily turning around. Furthermore, the present invention discloses that a mop includes a metal bar, the metal bar includes: main bar, extension bar, extension handle, and a second (absorbent material ) holder. The main bar passes through a hole which is disposed on the lower handle, and a hole on the center of the absorbent material holder. The second holder can be assembled to or disassembled from the main bar.

In the following description of the exemplary embodiment, reference is made to the accompanying drawing which form a part hereof , and in which is shown by way of illustration the specification embodiment in which the invention may be practiced. It is to be understood that other embodiments may be utilized as structural changes may be made without departing from the scope of the present invention.

In Figure 1 to 4, there is generally illustrated by reference numeral 1, one embodiment of an easy mop in accordance with the principles of the present invention. The easy mop 1 includes a long handle 2, a mass of absorbent material 4, an absorbent material holder 6 ( may not include the holder 6, if so, the mass of absorbent material being fixed on the lower end of the lower handle ), and a sleeve 8. The (lond) long handle 2 having three portion: an upper handle 3, a lower handle 7, and a bow shaped portion 5. The absorbent material holder 6 connected to the lower end of the lower handle and one end of the absorbent material being fixed on the holder 6. The sleeve 8 holds another end of the absorbent material, and a twisting handle 10 connected to the sleeve. A sleeve holder 24 disposed on the lower handle 7, the sleeve 8 can be moved up and down on the lower handle 7. Figure 1 is in the twisting position. Figure 2 is a side view of the mop shown in Figure 1. Figure 3 is a front view and Figure 4 is a side view in using position of the mop shown in Figure 1.

In Figure 5, a sleeve moving control button 22 and holder 24 illustrated, in Figure 6, a bow holder 26 for easily turning the bow around illustrated.

Figure 7 shown how the sleeve holder (workes) works. while push the moving control button 22, the sleeve 8 is released from the holder 24. Figure 8 is a front view of the sleeve, twisting handle 10, and sleeve moving control shown in Figure 7.

In Figure 9, a second embodiment of an easy mop in accordance with the principles of the present invention is illustrated. The mop 50 includes a long handle 2, a mass of absorbent material 4, a first (absorbent material) holder 6, and a metal bar 30. The long handle 2 having three portion: an upper handle 3, a lower handle 7, and a bow 5,

one hole 16 disposed on the long handle. The first holder 6 being connected to the lower end of the long handle, the ends of the absorbent material being fixed on the holder 6, a hole 18 disposed on center of the holder 6. The metal bar 30 includes main bar 33, extension bar 31, extension bar handle 32, and a second (absorbent material) holder 36, the second holder 36 can be assembled to or disassembled from the main bar, the main bar passes through the hole 16, the lower handle 7, and the center hole 18 on the absorbent material holder 6, then connects with the second holder 36. Figure 10 is a side view in using position of an easy mop shown in Figure 9 and the metal bar 30 being held by the holder 38 illustrated.

Figure 11 to 12 shown the different style of the two holders 37 and 39.

Figure 13 to 15 illustrate a third embodiment of an easy mop 60 in accordance with the principles of the present invention. Similar to the easy mop 1 shown in Figure 1 to 8, the mop 60 includes a long handle 2, a mass of absorbent material 4 (maybe includes an absorbent material holder 6, if not, the mass of absorbent material being fixed on the lower end of the long handle ), and a sleeve 40. The sleeve 40 is bigger than the sleeve 8, and the sleeve 40 does not holds the absorbent material. The sleeve 40 having a side wall, a top wall, and a center hole disposed on the top wall, a twisting handle 10 is adjustable, a multiple wing piece 45 disposed on the inside wall of the sleeve, while the mop is in use, the sleeve 40 is pulled up and held by the holder 24.

In the present invention, the twisting handle 10 and the bow 5 on the long handle in physics mean that the arm of force of the mop has been extended, so that, man power has been saved while twisting the mop. For example, if the arm of force of

a regular mop is one inch ( distance a to b in Fig. 2a, arm of force of most regular mop is less than one inch ), and if the arm of force of the easy mop in the present invention is 3 inches (the distance between the point A and B in Fig. 2), while twisting a mop, if users use 30 pounds force to squeeze water out of the regular mop, users need only 10 pounds force to squeeze the same water out of the easy mop, clearly, using easy mop, users can save two thirds of power in this way.

The forgoing description of the exemplary embodiment of the invention has been presented for the purposes of illustration and description. It is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise form disclosed. Many modications and variations are possible in light changing of the above teaching. It is intended that the scope of the invention be limited not with this detailed desciption, but rather by the claims appended hereto.